



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
Governor

PROCLAMATION  
**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**  
APRIL 2010

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are serious problems, and finding a solution depends upon the involvement of people within our communities; and

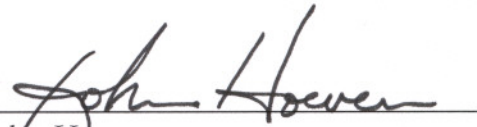
**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 7,800 reports of child abuse and neglect in North Dakota each year; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created between the state, county social service agencies, public and private schools, the medical communities, religious and civic organizations, the legislative bodies of the state, law enforcement and the business community; and

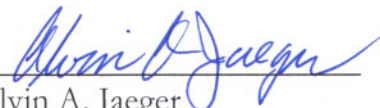
**WHEREAS**, all citizens share the responsibility of raising the awareness of and preventing child abuse, and supporting families in their efforts to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all of North Dakota's children; and

**WHEREAS**, Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota and coalitions across the state are sponsoring several "Pinwheels for Prevention" events during the month of April to celebrate the great potential of all North Dakota's children and to raise awareness about the importance of strengthening and supporting all families.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2010, **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State